(b) whether the same type of equipments were set up in Sultanpur, Pratapgarh, Etawah and when were these started;

(c) the reasons for not providing the equipments in Faizabad; and

(d) the time by which new equipments are likely to be started?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A 3000 lines E-10B electronic exchange (Remote Line Unit) has been planned for Faizabad.

(b) For Etawah only, the same type of equipment was used. It was commissioned in June, 1991.

(c) The transmission media is not yet available. It is likely to be available during March, 1992.

(d) The E-10B electronic exchange (RLU) at Faizabad is likely to start working by 31st March, 1992.

Airports under Construction

1946. SHRI M. KRISHNASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports which are under construction; and

(b) the number of airports which have started functioning recently?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) One.

(b) No new airports have started functioning recently.

Transport Facilities to Tourists by ITDC in Central Region

1947. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India Tourism Development Corporation provide transport facility to tourists in the Central regions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). ITDC arranges transport facilities through its agents at various places of tourist interest in the country including Central Region.

ITDC is presently operating a weekly conducted tour in the Central Region called "Heart of Heritage Tour" covering Delhi-Gwalior-Shivpuri—Jhansi. In addition conducted tours are also organised by ITDC for special tourist events like Adventure Camp at Narwar in M.P. during 22.11.1991 to 1.1.1992.

(c) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Telephone Industry in the Country

1948. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone industries in t he country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up a telephone industry in Bihar like that of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal etc; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) As given in statement attached.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Under the New Industrial Policy announced by the Government production of all types of telecom Equipment have been permitted in the private sector. The production of Telecom. Equipment has also been exempted from Industrial Licencing. A large number of private sector units are being set up as a result of the new Industrial Policy. Accordingly Department of Telecom does not propose to set up any new Industrial Public Sector Unit in Bihar or any other State at present. However, any State Government is free to set up any telecom production unit on it's own or jointly with private Sector.

STATEMENT

No. of Telephone Industries registered in the country-State-wise.

A.P.	12
Assam	1
Bihar	2
Gujarat	6
Haryana	11
H.P.	8
J & K	5
Karnataka	24
Kerala	6
M.P.	3
Maharashtra	18
Manipur	1
Orissa	4
Punjab	8
Rajasthan	7
Tamil Nadu	10
Uttar Pradesh	18
West Bengal	9
Delhi	6
Goa	3

[*English*]

Security arrangements at Airports

1949. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the security arrangements at the airports are lax and the security lapses are taking place unchecked/Unabated; and

(b) if so, the number of time security lapses have come to the notice during the last 6 months alongwith the details thereof and the action taken to tighten the security at the airports?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). There is constant endeavour to keep the airport security tight. Two incidents were detected in the last six months as follows:

(1) On 1.12.1991 an improvised explosive device was detected